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USEFUL FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLAMMATORY AND ALLERGIC DISORDERS: PROCESS FOR THEIR

PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM

PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

MS 313(c) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Preliminary Amendment submitted hereweith. The Issue Fee in this application was timely paid on September 1, 2006.

The fee for this petition set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(h) (\$130.00) and the fee for filing the RCE set forth in § 1.17(e) (\$790.00) is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 as are necessary in order to withdraw the application from issue and to have the RCE considered by the Examiner.

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The Office of Petitions is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney should there be questions regarding this petition.

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